GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

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MISUTILISATION OF FUNDS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that money released to State Government for Central Schemesare not being used for anti-poverty and employment opportunities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a to c): The Central Governmentreleases funds to the State Governments/DistrictAgencies for the major Centrally sponsored anti-poverty programmes namely Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana(SGRY) and Swaran Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) which are designed togenerate wage and self employment opportunities in rural and urban areas of the country. In addition, the Prime Minister`s Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) and Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) are also in operation for generating employmentopportunities. The implementing Ministries for the above schemes have developed a comprehensive system of monitoring through various mechanisms such as periodic progress reports, inspection by the State Government officials, Area-Officers` scheme,Performance Review Committee etc. to ensure proper utilization of funds by the States. Further, the release of funds is subject to receipt of Utilisation Certificates and Audit Reports. In order to improve the efficacy of the programmes, the anti poverty schemes have been restructured/redesigned from time to time